



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

D.T.E. 04-105

November 10, 2004

Application of Western Massachusetts Electric Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, App. §§ 2-1 through 2-10 and 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 et seq., for approval of its proposed operating budgets for their Residential Energy Conservation Service Programs for the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECo" or "Company") requests approval from at the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") of its operating budget for its Residential Energy Conservation Service ("RCS") Programs for the period of January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005. The calculations, data and reasons supporting these requests are available for public inspection at the Department.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, WMECo funds its RCS programs, and other energy efficiency programs, out of a mandatory per kilowatt hour charge. The Company's RCS programs are one part of its overall Energy Efficiency Plan. See Western Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 04-31 (2004). The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources has the authority to oversee and coordinate those plans and RCS programs. G.L. c. 25A, § 11G; G.L. c. 164 App. § 2-3. This proceeding is limited to the Department's review of WMECo's RCS operating budgets. G.L. c. 164, App. § 2-7.

The Department invites public comment on this matter. Any person who desires to file written comments, or request a public hearing on this matter, shall submit an original and three (3) copies of such written comments with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) Friday, November 26, 2004.

All written comments also should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and michael.killion@state.ma.us, or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 04-105), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing also should include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>.